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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: SECOND LETTER

REF DAR ES SALAAM 1980

WE AND STEINER FEEL IT WORTH COMMENTING, IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS
REFTEL, THAT INTERESTS AND VIEWS OF TANGOV AND NYERERE PERSONALLY
IN THIS INSTANCE MAY NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH OUR OWN.
WHILE HE SEEMS GENUINELY SINCERE IN WANTING SAFE RELEASE OF
STUDENTS, HIS VIEW OF POLITICAL DESIDERATA COULD LEAD HIM TO
TACTICAL MOVES THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER QUESTIONABLE. IT IS
EVIDENT THAT VIEWS OF TANGOV, AS RECIPIENT OF DEMANDS AND KEY
TO ACTION ON RELEASE OF PRP PRISONERS, WHICH IS EASIEST OF
THREE DEMANDS TO MEET, MUST BE GIVEN VERY GREAT WEIGHT INDEED,
BUT THESE VIEWS SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE CONTROLLING. FOR
EXAMPLE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT NYERERE CAN SUCCESSFULLY
REFUSE TO SEND TANU REP TO MEET WITH PRP, BUT THIS DOES NOT
MEAN THAT WE SHOULD SURRENDER ALL INITIATIVE AND ACTION TO
HIM. SIMILARLY, WHATEVER TANGOV DECIDES TO PUT OUT ON RADIO
TANZANIA COULD AFFECT PRP ATTITUDES AND THU STREATMENT OF
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HOSTAGES, BUT TEXT COULD REFLECT MORE OF NYERERE'S CAT AND

MOUSE GAME WITH PRP THAN OUR AND PARENT'S CONCERNS. OBVIOUSLY,
NYERERE AND BRYCESON ARE NOW CALLING THE SHOTS ON KIGOMA
ACTIVITY AND WE MUST DEFER TO THEM THERE BOTH BECAUSE IT IS
TANZANIAN TERRITORY AND BECAUSE THEY ALONE CAN DECIDE ON PRP
PRISONER RELEASE. HOWEVER, MORE THAN EVER, WE THINK WE SHOULD
RETAIN VAGNI OPTION, UNLESS HE RETURNS WITH CONCLUSION THAT
PRP WANTS TO PUT ALL OF ITS EGGS INTO KIGOMA-BRYCESON BASKET.
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